

## REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment to a continuation of pending patent application serial number 08/962,912, which is a continuation of patent application serial number 08/254,146, now abandoned.

Entry of the amendment and allowance in view of this Amendment and the Remarks herein is respectfully requested. The Examiner's careful and thoughtful consideration of the application is appreciated.

This continuation is directed to a method of obtaining services, etc., at a remote location via a programmed user terminal that interacts with a service provider computer through an intermediate service platform. See Specification of pending application serial number 08/962,912 at Page 5, line 16 – Page 6, line 14. Pending application serial number 08/962,912, of which this application is a continuation, was directed at a specific user interface (SmartPhone, namely an interface comprising a terminal having a user friendly touch screen terminal and a display of virtual buttons) and the method of using that specific user interface. However, the current application is not limited to any specific mechanical embodiment of the invention, but is directed at the overall method of the invention.

The amendments to the specification delete references to Figures 17-283 and replace the Abstract. Figures 17-283 are deleted as they are considered redundant and superfluous in view of Exhibit A which contains the underlying source code. A Substitute Specification has been enclosed incorporating the amendments made to the specification herein and other amendments made in the course of prosecution of the two parent cases. The Substitute Specification rennumbers claims 60-63 as claims 1-4.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the method claimed as the subject matter of this application meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 and requests entry of the preliminary amendment and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

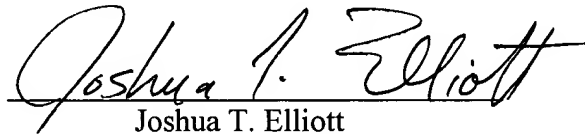


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